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FDIC - San Francisco Regional Office
Regional Director John F. Carter
25 Jessie Street at Ecker Square, Suite 2300
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Carter,

For the past year I have cochaired Friends for Fair Growth, a group opposing the siting of a new Wal-Mart Supercenter in southern Illinois. You can see a record of our fight at www.friendsfairgrowth.org.

Though our stance has been very moderate in this issue--we simply asked Wal-Mart to consider alternate sites and involve the community in this issue--we have been met with nothing but insults and stonewalling by this company. Even though we have the support of the County Board and thousands of citizens.

Wal-Mart is simply too big to listen to communities. When Wal-Mart has power, it does not hesitate to use it however it can to increase its bottom line. It ignores the law and the needs of our citizens. To allow this company to enter the banking world is inviting disaster.

Please deny Wal-Mart banking status.

Thank you very much,



Steve Gough